(d) if not, whether Government will consider bringing such a legislation to control price?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Various high level Committees such as Cabinet Committee on Prices, Special Action Committee of Secretaries on Monitoring of Prices and Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee for Monitoring and forecasting of supplies, availability and prices of essential com modities, meet at regular intervals for monitoring the prices and take appropri ate action from time to time. The Minis try of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution is also monitoring the prices of 12 essential commodities viz. rice, wheat, gram, tur, sugar, potatoes, onions, tea, vanaspati, groundnut oil, mustard oil and salt on daily/weekly basis.

(c) and (d) The prices of all com modities including those of consumer items are determined by the forces of demand and supply in the open market. However, Government monitors the availability and prices of essential com modities on a regular basis. Necessary actions are taken to supplement the supplies of goods through imports in order to control their prices. Sales of essential commodities are arranged through Cooperative Stores at reasonable prices. The Government is already armed with the provisions of Essential Com modities Act and the Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act for taking actions against hoarders, blackmarketeers and traders indulging in unfair trade prac tices. These Acts are being implemented by State Government/Union Territory Administrations. There is no proposal to bring any new legislation for controlling the prices.

Identification of blocks covered under RPDS in Madhya Pradesh

5807. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the blocks in the State of Madhya Pradesh which are to be covered under Revamped Public Distribution System under the Central Plan 1995-96; and

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) At present 223 blocks are covered under Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS) in Madhya Pradesh. Inclusion of additional blocks under RPDS is not done on annual basis. However, under a proposal to extend RPDS to blocks recently covered under Employment Assurance Scheme, the list of blocks identified in Madhya Pradesh is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

(a) New DPAP blocks included under employment assurance scheme

State : Madhya Pradesh

District	Blocks
1. East Nimar	1. Khandwa
	2. Chengamakhaj
	3. Pagana
	4. Harsud
2. Bhind	5. Roun
3. Shivpuri	6. Pohari
	7. Kolaras
	8. Baderwas
4. Shajapur	9. Shahjapur
	10. Bado
5. Dewas	11. Tonkkhurd

District	Blocks
6. Buna	12. Guna
	13. Ashoknagar
	14. Aron
	15. Isagarh
	16. Nugawari
	17. Chachora
7. Rajgarh	18. Rajgarh
8. Panna	19. Shahnagar
	20. Gunur
	21. Ghabai
9. Raisen	22. Gairatganj
	23. Begumganj
	24. Udaipura
10. Chhindwara	25. Junnardev
11. Damoh	26. Damoh
	27. Hata
	28. Patera
12. Durg	29. Nawagarh
13. Rajnandgaon	30. Bodla
	31. S. Lohara
14. Bilaspur	32. Jaijaipur
15. Rewa	33. Raipur
	34. Gangao
	35. Naigarhi
	36. Maueani

(b) MADA Blocks included under E.A.S.

State : Madhya Pradesh

Districts	Blocks
1. East Nimar	1. Punasa
2. Shivpuri	2. Shivpuri
3. Guna	3. Bamhori
4. Raisen	4. Silwani
	5. Obedullaganj
5. Damoh	6. Jabera
	7. Tendukheda
6. Jabalpur	8. Barori Band
	9. Majhauli
	10. Vijay Raghavgarh
	11. Bargi
	12. Shahpur
7. Seoni	13. Seoni
	14. Barghat
	15. Keolari
8. Bilaspur	16. Shakti
9. Rewa	17. Hanumana
10. Satna	18. Majhgawan
	19. Uchhera
	20. Maihar
	21. Ramnagar
11. Sehore	22. Icchawar
	23. Nasrullaganj
	24. Budni
12. Raipur	25. Mahasamund
	26. Bagbahara
	27. Pithora
	28. Saraipali
	29. Basna
	30. Kasdol
13. Raigarh	31. Sarangarh
	32. Sariyalendra
	33. Raigarh
14. Narsimhapur	34. Narsimhapur
	35. Gotegaon
15. Indore	36. Mhow
16. Dhar	37. Badnawar
17. Sagar	38. Devri
	39. Kesli

Stock of imported palmolcin oil

5808. SHRI RAHASBIHAR1 BARIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total stock of imported pal-molein oil at the Central Pool at present;

(b) whether imported stock of pal-molein oil is lying with the Central Pool or with the State Trading Cor; jion (STC);

(c) whether the State Government are not willing to lift the palmolein stock; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) This cannot be disclosed in the public interest.

(b) The imported edible oil is available